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**Protected Species Special Exemption Permits;** RE: Docket No. 001031304-0304-01

Dear Ms. Terbush:

As director of John G. Shedd Aquarium, an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), I am writing to fully endorse AZA's comments with regard to the National Marine Fisheries Service's proposed regulations pertaining to the public display of marine mammals.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Regards.

Ted A. Beattie

Cc: Steve Olson, AZA